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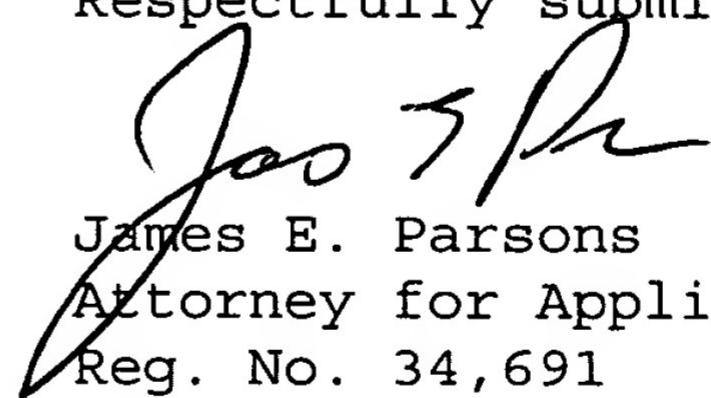
The Office Action requires a species election. The species of Fig. 3 is elected.

It is submitted that a difference between the species of Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 is the orientation of the stacked semiconductor dies, with the semiconductor dies of Fig. 1 being oriented in opposite directions, and the semiconductor dies of Fig. 3 being oriented in a same direction. The new claims 25-35 are consistent with Fig. 3 in this regard.

Please note that, to date, three Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) have been filed for this application, including a first IDS filed on October 5, 2001, a second IDS filed on 11/21/03, and a third IDS filed with this Office Action response. Please consider the references cited in these three IDSs. If any of the IDSs are not with the file, please contact the undersigned for a replacement copy.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5906 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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